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The SPECTATOR.

——Multa & præclara minantis. Hor.

Thurſday, Auguſt 14 1712.

hall this Day lay before my Reader a Letter, ritten by the ſame Hand with that of laſt *Fri-* y, which contained Propoſals for a Printed ews-Paper, that ſhould take in the whole Cir- the Penny-Poſt.

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E kind Reception you gave my laſt *Fri-* day's Letter, in which I broached my Pro- of a News Paper, encourages me to lay before wo or three more; for, you muſt know, that we look upon you to be the *Lowndes* of rned World, and cannot think any Scheme eable or rational before you have approved tho' all the Money we raiſe by it is on our Funds, and for our private Uſe.

have often thought that a *News-Letter of ri*, written every Poſt, and ſent about the wn, after the ſame manner as that of Mr. Mr. *Dawkes*, or any other Epiſtolary Hi- n, might be highly gratifying to the Publick, ell as beneficial to the Author. By Whiſ- I mean thoſe Pieces of News which are nicated as Secrets, and which bring a dou- leaſure to the Hearer; firſt, as they are private y, and in the next place, as they have al- in them a Daſh of Scandal. Theſe are the hief Qualifications in an Article of News, recommend it, in a more than ordinary man- to the Ears of the Curious. Sickneſs of Per- in high Poſts, Twilight Viſits paid and re- d by Miniſters of State, Clandeſtine Court- nd Marriages, Secret Amours, Loſſes at Applications for Places, with their reſpective ts or Repulſes, are the Materials in which y intend to deal. I have two Perſons, that are each of them the Repreſentative of a Species, who are to furniſh me with thoſe Whiſpers which I intend to convey to my Correſpondents. The firſt of theſe is *Peter Huſh*, deſcended from the Ancient Family of the *Huſhes*. The other is the old Lady *Blaſt*, who has a very numerous Tribe of Daughters in the two great Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*. *Peter Huſh* has a whiſpering Hole in moſt of the great Coffee-houſes about Town. If you are alone with him in a wide Room, he carries you up into a Corner of it, and ſpeaks in your Ear. I have ſeen *Peter* ſeat himſelf in a Company of ſeven or eight Perſons, whom he never ſaw before in his Life; and after having looked about to ſee there was no one that over-heard him, has communicated to them in a low Voice, and under the Seal of Secrecy, the Death of a great Man in the Country, who was perhaps a Fox-hunting the very moment this Account was giving of him. If upon your entring into a Coffee houſe you ſee a Circle of Heads bending over the Table, and lying cloſe by one another, it is ten to one but my Friend *Peter* is among them. I have known *Peter* publiſhing the Whiſper of the Day by eight a Clock in the Morning at *Garraway*'s, by twelve at *Will*'s, and before two at the *Smyrna*. When *Peter* has thus effectually launched a Secret, I have been very well pleaſed to hear People whiſpering it to one another at ſecond Hand, and ſpreading it about as their own; for you muſt know, Sir, the great Incentive to Whiſpering is the Ambition which every one has of being thought in the Secret, and being looked upon as a Man who has Acceſs to greater People than one would imagine. After having given you this Account of *Peter Huſh*, I proceed to that vertuous Lady, the old Lady *Blaſt*, who is to communicate to me the private

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' Transactions of the Crimp Table, with all the *Arcana* of the fair Sex. The Lady *Blaſt*, you muſt underſtand, has ſuch a particular Malignity in her Whiſper, that it blights like an Eaſterly Wind, and withers every Reputation that it breaths upon. She has a particular knack at making private Weddings, and laſt Winter married above five Women of Quality to their Footmen. Her Whiſper can make an innocent young Woman big with Child, or fill an healthful young Fellow with Diſtempers that are not to be named. She can turn a Viſit into an Intrigue, and a diſtant Salute into an Aſſignation. She can beggar the Wealthy, and degrade the Noble. In ſhort, ſhe can whiſper Men Baſe or Fooliſh, Jealous or Ill-natured, or, if occaſion requires, can tell you the Slips of their Great Grandmothers, and traduce the Memory of honeſt Coachmen that have been in their Graves above theſe hundred Years. By theſe, and the like helps, I queſtion not but I ſhall furniſh out a very handſom News Letter. If you approve my Project, I ſhall begin to Whiſper by the very next Poſt, and queſtion not but every one of my Cuſtomers will be very well pleaſed with me, when he conſiders that every Piece of News I ſend him is a Word in his Ear, and lets him into a Secret.

' Having given you a Sketch of this Project, I ſhall, in the next place, ſuggeſt to you another for a Monthly Pamphlet, which I ſhall likewiſe ſubmit to your Spectatorial Wiſdom. I need not tell you, Sir, that there are ſeveral Authors in *France*, *Germany* and *Holland*, as well as in our own Country, that Publiſh every Month, what they call *An Account of the Works of the Learned*, in which they give us an Abſtract of all ſuch Books as are Printed in any Part of *Europe*. Now, Sir, it is my Deſign to Publiſh every Month, *An Account of the Works of the Unlearned*. Several late Productions of my own Country-men, who many of them make a very Eminent Figure in the Illiterate World, Encourage me in this Undertaking. I may, in this Work, poſſibly make a Review of ſeveral Pieces which have appeared in the Foreign *Accounts* above-mentioned, tho' they ought not to have been taken Notice of in Works which bear ſuch a Title. I may, likewiſe, take into Conſideration ſuch Pieces as appear, from time to time, under the Names of thoſe Gentlemen who Compliment one another, in Publick Aſſemblies, by the Title of the *Learned Gentlemen*. Our Party-Authors will alſo afford me a great Variety of Subjects, not to mention Editors, Commentators, and others, who are often Men of no Learning or what is as bad, of no Knowledge. I ſhall enlarge upon this Hint; but if you think any thing can be made of it, I ſhall ſet about it with the Pains and Application that ſo uſeful a Work deſerves.

I am ever,

Moſt Worthy Sir, &c.

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